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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable Eger V. Murphree
Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for
Guided Missiles
The Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murphree:

I write to ~~congratulate you on your appointment to a vital position, and to~~ assure you of the whole-hearted cooperation of this Agency and of the intelligence community in your new post. *The nation is fortunate that you have been willing to take on this vital assignment.*

In particular, I should like to call your attention to the existence of the Guided Missiles Intelligence Committee (GMIC), a subcommittee created by the Intelligence Advisory Committee very recently for the express purpose of ensuring the fullest and most effective effort in obtaining and publishing intelligence on this subject. The GMIC has its headquarters in the Pentagon and includes representatives of the services and of this Agency. Its Chairman is Lt. Colonel George H. Wilson of the Air Force, and the CIA member is [redacted] of our Office of Scientific Intelligence. *I enclose a copy of the memo of reference of the subcommittee.*

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The subcommittee
~~Colonel Wilson's~~ group is prepared to discuss with you at any time the problem and how it can best meet your needs. I myself, and this Agency, stand ready to do likewise. *I reiterate that we regard your field as perhaps the foremost of all our intelligence responsibilities.* *I need hardly say that we*

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